



Energy Improvement District

Hank Ashforth – Chairman

Robert Hartt

Thomas Madden

Polly Rauh

Joel Selden

Energy Improvement District

888 Washington Boulevard

Stamford, Connecticut 06901

Minutes for November 19, 2014 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

EID Members

Hank Ashforth - Chairman

Thomas Madden

Polly Rauh

Joel Selden

Absent - Bob Hartt

Economic Development Staff

Kathy Ruther

Guests:

Megan Saunders – 2030 District, CT Fund for the Environment

Lou Casolo – City of Stamford Engineering

Nancy Pipicelli – City of Stamford Engineering

Justin Bevis – CL&P

Frantz Delmont – CL&P

Jeff Barat – D&B Engineering

Chris Lotspeich – Celtic Energy – via phone

Meeting came to order at 8:46am and was presided over by Chairman Hank Ashforth.

Minutes

Motion: Thomas Madden moved to accept minutes, seconded by Polly Rauh, minutes approved unanimously for September 17th with date correction.

Review of RFP

Chairman Hank Ashforth noted with thanks, the efforts of the staff, Board members, Celtic, CL&P, and many advisors, who assisted the Committee in their Bid reviews, and that the Board is pleased to be moving forward.

General discussion of the process included contracts, 15-year term, performance contract, proposals, audit improvement review and picking projects. Audit agreement is next step, if no project results from audit, then there would be a cost to City. Buildings can be added later to project. Discussion around “walk-away fee” risk – how much, how many buildings, who pays, and how efficiently do we use their time. Polly talks about risks of putting off repairs, reactive versus pro-active, leading to crisis situations. Polly also mentions the possibility of the Board of Education looking at other energy options such as solar, the need to have one plan, some departments may be working in a silo.

New Business

Geographic boundaries of the Energy Improvement District – for next month’s Agenda

Approval process could take 3 or 4 months through Board of Representatives

Schools do not fall within the current EID boundaries – Legal opinion?

Stamford municipal buildings, and all business, will benefit

Need Legal definitions and opinion

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:21am.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Ruther